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SUBJECT: COST-OF-LIVING WAGE ADJUSTMENT

1. HISTADRUT AND EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS JULY 18 SIGNED AGREEMENT INCREASING COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE 20.7 PERCENT ON FIRST IL 1,000 OF BASE SALARY. PAYMENT IS RETROACTIVE TO JULY 1 AND COVERS ALL WAGE-EARNERS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

2. PERCENTAGE INCREASE REPRESENTS AVERAGE INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (WITH SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT IN HOUSING COMPONENT) FOR PAST TWELVE MONTHS MINUS AVERAGE FOR 1973, MINUS SIX PERCENT INTERIM ALLOWANCE PAID IN FEBRUARY (TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED FOOD PRICES WHEN SUBSIDIES WERE CUT).

3. HISTADRUT MAY DEMAND COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE IN OCTOBER. UNDER SYSTEM OF CALCULATING COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES, OCTOBER ADJUSTMENT COULD RANGE AROUND 15-20 PERCENT, ADDING SUBSTANTIAL TAX-EXEMPT AMOUNT TO NATIONAL WAGE-BILL. KEATING

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